WELCOME TO THE HOMETOWN OF G. F. HANDEL

GERMANY

HALLE (SAALE) FACTS:
Population: 231,639
Surface: 135 km², including 71 km² of greenspaces and water

OUR SHORT LANGUAGE GUIDE FOR YOU:
Hello! Guten Tag!
Thank you! Danke!
Please!/You’re welcome! Bitte!
How can I get to the train station/market square?
Wie komme ich zum Bahnhof/Marktplatz?
How can I get to Handel’s house of birth?
Wie komme ich zum Geburtshaus von Händel?
Where are Halle’s nicest bars and cafés?
Wo finde ich Halles gemütlichste Kneipen und Cafés?
This is a beautiful city!
Das ist aber eine schöne Stadt!
Goodbye!
Auf Wiedersehen!

DISTANCES
Berlin City – Halle
appr. 180 km
by car appr. 2 h
by bus appr. 2 h
by train appr. 1.5 h

Airport Leipzig – Halle
appr. 25 km
by car appr. 25 min.
by train appr. 12 min.

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Hey, you!

*We HANDEL it.
Celebrate Handel’s birthday in his hometown of Halle by joining 400 singers from around the world to sing the Messiah. For the acclaimed annual Messiah performance in the Handel Concert Hall, singers enjoy three days of rehearsal with high-class soloists and the Staatskapelle Halle under the lead of Proinnsias O’Duinn. Between rehearsals, you will have time to visit the house where Handel was born and discover Halle’s many attractions.

Every evening at the singer’s club, you will have the opportunity to meet your fellow singers from around the globe in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy local food, beer and wine. Proinnsias O’Duinn is the former chief conductor of the Irish Radio and Television Orchestra and has a special affinity to the Messiah, which was first performed in Dublin in 1742. His lively interpretation is popular with audience and singers alike.

Halle is not just the cultural capital of the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt, but also the birthplace of George Frederic Handel. Until today you can feel the spirit of the famous baroque musician in the city, especially during the Handel Festival in June. Don’t miss a visit to the Handel House and the Market Church where Handel was christened. Experience the vividness of the more than 1,200-year-old city centre of Halle with its narrow streets and historic buildings. Let yourself be surprised.

By the way: Halle is also popular for its history of salt and sweets. Salt, or the “white gold” is what made the city great and famous. Until today the “Halloren”, the salt-panners of Halle, seethe salt using traditional methods. The sweet counterpart of the salt are the Halloren Kugeln.

The Handel Festival has been held in Halle since 1922. It all began with new productions of Handel’s operas and these still form the backbone of the festival programme of today. Every year, the Handel Festival and the Halle Opera House produce one of the numerous Handel operas. To date, 40 out of 42 operas composed by Handel have been performed at the Handel Festival. This in itself is a unique record, unrivalled anywhere in the world.

The Handel Festival stands both for a long tradition in the performance and reception of Handel’s works, as well as for the innovation and crossover elements used in them. It consistently offers its international audience new pieces, rediscoveries and a variety of interpretation styles, most of them in historical Handel venues, such as the Cathedral, the Market Church, the Handel House, or the historical Goethe theatre in nearby Bad Lauchstädt.

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- Messiah 2017: from February 23 – 25
- Messiah 2018: from February 22 – 24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HANDEL

HANDEL FESTIVAL HALLE

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HANDEL FESTIVAL 2017: from May 26 – June 11
HANDEL FESTIVAL 2018: from May 25 – June 10

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